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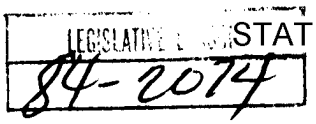

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS (CFHR) MONITORS PROTESTS DETENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS

1. FYI: THE CFHR HAS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING TEXT SIGNED BY REP. TONY HALL, SEN. DAVE DURENBERGER, SEN. DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, AND SEN. MARK HATFIELD:

BEGIN TEXT:

MAY 3, 1984: THE CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS IS A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF 14 SENATORS AND 90 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ORGANIZED TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AROUND THE WORLD. AS MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL FRIENDS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, WE REGRET THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DETENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS FROM THE AMERICAS WATCH, THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE NEW YORK BAR ASSOCIATION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE UNITED STATES HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION WAS PREVENTED FROM MEETING WITH TWO PARAGUAYAN HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES,

DR. FELARTIGA AND DR. SEQUIER. WE CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PARAGUAY TO MONITOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF DR. FELARTIGA AND DR. SEGUIER. WE RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS TO VISIT PARAGUAY TO MEET WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, LAWYERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHURCH GROUPS.

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